

**MINUTES OF REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
PORTER TOWNSHIP SCHOOL CORPORATION**

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BOARD APPROVED
DATE 11-21-2013

**The following is a partial transcript of the meeting. A recording of the actual meeting is available at the Administration Office and is kept on file for approximately 5 months after the date of the meeting. Approval of this transcript as official minutes will be at the next regular meeting of the Board of School Trustees.

1. CALL TO ORDER – Mr. John Spangenberg, President – 6:32 p.m.

- A. Pledge of Allegiance
- B. Welcome Visitors

Board members present: Mr. John Spangenberg, Mr. Tom Keevin, Ms. Johanna Williams, Mrs. Nichole Kovacik and Mrs. Lilann Sgouros. Also present were: Superintendent, Dr. Stacey Schmidt; Attorney Cheryl Zic; Facilities Manager, Bryan Busse; Business Manager/Treasurer, Aline Busse and Secretary to the Superintendent, Linda Dusek. There were approximately 22 present in the audience.

2. AGENDA ADJUSTMENTS – Revision to the “Title” of Business Item 6A - changing the title to “Adoption of the 2014 Budget Resolution #1013-110 Ordinance of Resolution for Appropriation of Taxes”

3. PRESENTATION: Spell Bowl – Boone Grove Elementary School – Mr. Doug Walker

Mr. Doug Walker and the Boone Grove Elementary School Spell Bowl Team challenged the board with spelling words that are used in their competitions. There was a brief break for refreshments.

4. CONSENT AGENDA – Dr. Schmidt

- A. Personnel Report
- B. Board Minutes
- C. Claim Docket

Dr. Schmidt recommended that the board approve the consent agenda consisting of payroll claims and accounts payable vouchers, approval of the minutes of the regular school board meeting held on Thursday, September 19, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. and approval of the following items listed on the Personnel Report waiving the readings and pending clear background searches:

- Accept the resignation of Katie Moorehead as the Varsity Dance Coach at Boone Grove High School effective as of October 4, 2013.
- Accept the resignation of Colette Williams as a Title I Aide at Porter Lakes Elementary School effective as of October 11, 2013.
- Accept the resignation of Jami Williams as the Junior Varsity Cheerleading Coach effective as of October 1, 2013.
- Approve Kristine Prater as the Spell Bowl Academic Coach for the 2013-14 school year. Her rate of pay will be based upon the ECA Salary Schedule at the zero years of experience level.
- Approve Alesia Bewick as a Title I Aide at Porter Lakes Elementary School beginning on October 7, 2013. Her rate of pay will be \$9.82 per hour for five hours per day.
- Approve Timothy Taylor as a Custodian at Boone Grove Middle School/Boone Grove Elementary School Complex beginning on October 7, 2013. His rate of pay will be \$10.32 per hour for 40 hours per week.
- Approve Brian Dabrowa as a Full-Time Computer Technician beginning on October 28, 2013. His annual salary will be \$30,000.
- Approve Michael Skoda as a Part-Time Computer Technician beginning on October 28, 2013. His rate of pay will be \$10.00 per hour for 25 hours per week.
- Approve Glenn Adler as the Boys' 8th Grade Basketball Coach for the 2013-14 school year. His rate of pay will be based upon the ECA Salary Schedule at the zero years of experience level.
- Approve Jeannine Johnston as the Girls 6th Grade Basketball Coach for the 2013-14 school year. Her rate of pay will be based upon the ECA Salary Schedule at the zero years of experience level.
- Approve Mike Edwards as a Girls Varsity Basketball Volunteer Assistant Coach for the 2013-14 school year.
- Approve Karen Yankauskas as a Boys Bowling Team Volunteer Assistant Coach for the 2013-14 school year.
- Approve Angela Higgins as a Boys Bowling Team Volunteer Assistant Coach for the 2013-14 school year.
- Approve Steven Higgins as a Boys Bowling Team Volunteer Assistant Coach for the 2013-14 school year.
- Approve Lupe Cheek as a Girls Bowling Team Volunteer Assistant Coach for the 2013-14 school year.
- Approve Ralph De La Fuente as a Girls Bowling Team Volunteer Assistant Coach for the 2013-14 school year.

Ms. Williams made a motion to approve the consent agenda consisting of payroll claims and accounts payable vouchers, approval of the minutes of the regular school board meeting held on Thursday, September 19, 2013 at 6:30 p.m., approval of the items listed on the Personnel Report and waive the readings; seconded by Mr. Keevin. Motion carried 5-0.

5. FINANCIAL REPORT – Dr. Schmidt

- A. Appropriation Summary
- B. Fund Report
- C. Investments
- D. “Financial Moment” Presentation

Dr. Schmidt referred to the financial report provided in the board packet and announced that she will provide an ISTEP presentation later in the meeting instead of the “Financial Moment”.

6. BUSINESS**A. Adoption of the 2014 Budget Resolution #1013-110 Ordinance of Resolution for Appropriation of Taxes - Dr. Schmidt**

- a. Adoption of General Fund
- b. Adoption of Debt Service Fund
- c. Adoption of Debt Severance/Retirement Fund
- d. Adoption of Transportation Operating Fund
- e. Adoption of Bus Replacement Fund
- f. Adoption of Capital Projects Fund

Dr. Schmidt reflected that the budget has been advertised and requested adoption of the 2014 Budget Resolution #1013-110 Ordinance of Resolution for Appropriation of Taxes. This resolution will allow Adoption of the General Fund, Adoption of the Debt Service Fund, Adoption of the Debt Severance Retirement Fund, Adoption of Transportation Operating Fund, Adoption of Bus Replacement Fund and Adoption of the Capital Projects Fund as advertised. Mr. Keevin made a motion to adopt the 2014 Budget Resolution #1013-110 Ordinance of Resolution for Appropriation of Taxes which will adopt the General Fund, the Debt Service Fund, the Debt Severance/Retirement Fund, the Transportation Operating Fund, the Bus Replacement Fund and the Capital Projects Fund as advertised and waiving the readings; seconded by Mrs. Sgouros. Motion carried 5-0.

B. Adoption of Resolution #1013-106 – Resolution to Adopt the 2014 Capital Projects Fund Plan – Mrs. Busse

Mrs. Busse asked the board to adopt Resolution #1013-106 – Resolution to Adopt the 2014 Capital Projects Fund Plan and waive the reading. Ms. Williams made a motion to adopt Resolution #1013-106 – Resolution to Adopt the 2014 Capital Projects Fund Plan and waive the reading; seconded by Mrs. Sgouros. Motion carried 5-0.

C. Adoption of Resolution #1013-107 – Resolution to Adopt the 2014 Bus Replacement Plan – Mrs. Busse

Mrs. Busse asked the board to adopt Resolution #1013-107 – Resolution to Adopt the 2014 Bus Replacement Plan and waive the reading. Mrs. Sgouros made a motion to adopt Resolution #1013-107 – Resolution to Adopt the 2014 Bus Replacement Plan and waive the reading; seconded by Ms. Williams. Motion carried 5-0.

D. Adoption of Resolution #1013-108 – Supplemental Bond Resolution Supplementing and Amending a Resolution Previously Adopted on August 19, 2004 and Previously Amended on November 18, 2004 – Mrs. Busse

Mrs. Busse explained that Resolution #1013-108 is a long resolution referring to supplementing our retirement severance bonds and have our funds looked at for a lower interest rate. Mrs. Busse recommended that the board adopt Resolution #1013-108 – a Resolution to Adopt a supplemental bond resolution supplementing and amending a resolution previously adopted on August 19, 2004 and previously amended on November 18, 2004 and waiving the reading. Ms. Williams made a motion to adopt Resolution #1013-108 a Resolution to Adopt a supplemental bond resolution supplementing and amending a resolution previously adopted on August 19, 2004 and previously amended on November 18, 2004 and waiving the reading; seconded by Mr. Keevin. Motion carried 5-0.

E. Adoption of Resolution #1013-109 - Delegation of Authority to Superintendent – Dr. Schmidt

Dr. Schmidt referred to the copy of the resolution #1013-109 which delegates the superintendent authority to act on noted personnel issues on behalf of the board and asked the board to adopt Resolution #1013-109 and waive the reading. Mr. Keevin made a motion to adopt Resolution #1013-109 – Delegation of Authority to the Superintendent and waive the reading; seconded by Ms. Williams. Motion carried 5-0.

F. Approval of Community Use Physical Fitness Activities – Dr. Schmidt

Dr. Schmidt referred to information in the board packet regarding changes in the law that impacts us in regard to physical fitness. When the community participates on our fields and/or buildings the new law pertains to signage that needs to be posted on our facilities. Secondly, our facility use policy needs to be amended to ensure that we have actively reflected the law in that section. Dr. Schmidt requested approval of that community use physical fitness activity section which specifically explains how the signage should be presented and worded to comply with the law. Mrs. Kovacik made a motion to approve the community use physical fitness activities changes as requested by Dr. Schmidt; seconded by Ms. Williams. Motion carried 5-0.

G. Approval of Amended Contract with Lanair – Dr. Schmidt

Dr. Schmidt reported that she has been working closely with Attorney Zic in reviewing amendments to the Lanair contract and referred to the amended notice provided in the board packet. The amended contract has substantial agreement with the exception of one last section which is still subject to final review. The amended contract will change the services provided by Lanair. Lanair will still be doing our system monitoring and our help desk, we will be using their ticketing system. Lanair will be serving more as a support net as our new technicians are being trained. Dr. Schmidt asked for approval of the amended contract with Lanair as presented. Ms. Williams made a motion to approve the amended contract with Lanair as presented by Dr. Schmidt; seconded by Mrs. Sgouros. Motion carried 5-0.

H. ISTEP Presentation – Dr. Schmidt

Dr. Schmidt reported that ISTEP scores were delayed due to testing glitches experienced by CTB. Dr. Schmidt shared that although we are looking at ISTEP scores as grade levels, what we really care about is the growth that each student is making and measuring student progress towards meeting our Indiana academic standards. Dr. Schmidt continued by providing a presentation reviewing ISTEP scores and answered questions from the board.

7. DIRECTOR OF FACILITY SERVICES REPORT

Mr. Busse reported that the power outage at the Boone Grove complex today was caused by a NIPSCO primary fault found under the asphalt and NIPSCO came out and dug it up and repaired it. Due to the power outage the students at Boone Grove Elementary and Boone Grove Middle School were sent home. Everyone worked together in handling the situation at hand. Mr. Busse also reported that his crew has been working on the well issue at the complex and it has passed all testing. Mr. Spangenberg referred to the PCC soccer and cross country meet and commended Mr. Busse's crew for getting the fields ready and that he felt the fields looked fantastic considering the weather conditions that day.

8. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Dr. Schmidt echoed Mr. Busse in agreement and commended the students, staff, and administrators for working together to handle the power outage situation today. Dr. Schmidt reported that one of our parents, Mr. Dell Knickerbocker, who is a professional voice artist, volunteered his services in providing the greetings heard on the auto attendant when calling into the corporation. Dr. Schmidt wished Mrs. Sgouros a Happy Birthday today along with birthday wishes for Omi Gloden and Sharon Roeske for their upcoming birthdays. Dr. Schmidt also announced that the first quarter ends next week; parent/teacher conferences will be held on October 24th and all buildings, including the administration building, will be closed on October 25th for Fall Break.

9. BOARD COMMUNICATIONS

Ms. Williams shared that "Stuff the Bus" for Porter Township was held last Saturday. All schools participated and the Builders Club from the middle school was there helping as well. Ms. Williams did not have the final total raised, but she heard it was around \$7,000 which exceeded last year's amount. Ms. Williams also announced that donations can be made at anytime to the food pantry and that it was great to see such a tremendous outpouring from the community.

Mrs. Sgouros reported that she attended the choir concert last night and Ms. Welbourne and the kids did a great job.

Dr. Schmidt announced that the band concert is next week Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.

10. SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. DeRossett reported that the band marched in the Columbus Day Parade and sounded very good. Next week starts the ECA testing for the HS English on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Boys Soccer and Girls Soccer won their sectionals last Saturday. Girls Cross Country team qualified to run in the regional on Saturday. Saturday night will be Senior night and the last regular season football game. Tickets are on sale for the winter Madrigal dinner.

Mr. Schlottman reported that the kids were spectacular today and the staff rallied together in handling the power outage situation. The Fallen Heroes Presentation will take place at the Lowell football game with a 21 gun salute and taps. There will be a Veteran Day Program at the middle school at 7:30 on November 11th.

Mr. Lichtenberger reported that it has been an interesting day today and they all worked together and survived. Mr. Lichtenberger commended the Transportation Department for a job well done.

Mr. Donnell reported that Ms. Williams forgot to mention that the soup dinner during the "Stuff the Bus" event was great and thanked all for their support in this event. Mr. Donnell also reported that October 28 thru November 1 is Red Ribbon Week and thanked Mr. Spangenberg for his donation toward this event.

Mr. Spangenberg thanked everyone for spreading the Red Ribbon spirit annually and encouraged all to lead that message every day to our students and continue to educate our students about this important message.

11. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - None

12. ADJOURNMENT – 7:39 p.m.

Mr. Keevin made a motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Ms. Williams. Motion carried 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

This meeting is a meeting of the School Board for the purpose of conducting the School Corporation's business and is not to be considered a public community meeting. There will be a time for public participation, as indicated by the agenda. The meeting site is fully accessible. Any person requiring further accommodation should contact the superintendent.